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ARRA FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – The Kentucky Department of Education has issued a Request for Applications (RFA) for grant funds available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to purchase equipment for school food service programs.

ARRA funds in the amount of \$1,769,888 are available to Kentucky sponsors of the National School Lunch Program, including public schools, private schools and residential child care institutions. Grant funds are available for the purchase of equipment to be used to enhance food quality, ensure food safety, increase energy efficiency and expand participation in the program.

Funds will be awarded to sponsors at the culmination of a competitive application process, and the Kentucky Department of Education anticipates as many as 800 applications. Applications will be scored by members of the Education and Nutrition Committees of the Kentucky School Nutrition Association.

The deadline for applications is June 5, and grantees are expected to be announced in early August.

Information about the RFA may be accessed through the KDE Web site by visiting <http://www.education.ky.gov>, then clicking on Administrative Resources, Grant Information, Competitive Grants from KDE and ARRA Stimulus Grants – Kitchen Equipment RFA.